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ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE MEMO TO SCHOOLS: PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE BUDGET CUTS IMPACTING SCHOOLS IN 2009

PHOENIX (Wednesday, April 23, 2008) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne sent a memo to all Arizona schools on Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

Horne stated: "The 2008 Budget has been adopted. I was required to cut ten million dollars out of non-formula line items. I was able to do this without significant impact on schools. I am told that I have to cut ten million dollars out of the 2009 budget. That will be much more difficult, and there will be no way to avoid some impact on schools. There may be a cut of approximately 10% in non-formula state grants.

"The 2009 budget has not been adopted and nothing is certain. But I felt obligated to get notice out as early as possible so this information can be taken into account in planning next year's budgets."

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